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COUNTRY ~~Germany~~ ~~Germany~~ ~~Germany~~ REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC ~~Military Information from Gardelogen~~

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT January, 6 and 7 February, 11 to 20 March 1952 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 17 April 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. During the period from 14 to 20 March 1952, 4 officers and 60 men of the infantry unit stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Gardelogen (M 53/Y 44) were seen daily leaving the installation on three trucks for the construction of emplacements in the area north of the road fork formed by the Gardelogen-Helmstedt and the Gardelogen-Lueffingen roads. On 17 and 19 March, components of the AT unit stationed in that installation marched with 11 x 85-mm AT guns toward the area north of the Lindenberg (hill) and south of the connecting road between Helmstedt and Lueffingen. Each gun had a crew of five men. Northeast of Hill 63.2, 700 meters north-east of Gardelogen, elements of a signal unit constructed a telephone line which led to the intersection of the Gardelogen-Kassieck and the Zienau-Lueffingen roads and from there to the AT unit which practiced north of the Lindenberg. Surveying work started in the area west of the Gardelogen-Kassieck road on 14 March.

2. On 6 February, six tanks of a type smaller than the T-34 tank with five bogie wheels, which, in early January 1952, had arrived factory-new at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne under the command of one Major Maikovski (Tnu), were loaded at the Gardelogen railroad station. On 7 February, six factory-new T-34 tanks arrived by rail in Gardelogen. They subsequently passed through the town with truck [REDACTED] and ambulance [REDACTED] and went to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. *

3. During the period from 11 to 15 March, the engineer unit located in the Demonte Schule on the road to Helmstedt left the installation several times for practices in the training area southeast of Polwitz, 7 km southeast of Gardelogen. On 14 March, about 200 EM with 3 three-section pontoons loaded on trucks and several trucks with bridge construction and engineer equipment left the installation for such an exercise.

The same unit was seen building short bridges, rowing pontoons across pools, and firing from a ferry with live ammunition at aiming silhouettes placed on the banks. **

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* [] Comment. This information confirms previous information that the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by the 590th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div and others. [] A tank with five bogie wheels and smaller than a T-34 tank is unknown. The arrival of six T-34 tanks cannot be accounted for and needs further information.

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** [] Comment. This information confirms that the Remonte Schule is occupied by the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXXIX Itz Rifle Corps which had been previously reported. [] This is the first report to indicate engineer practices in the area of the Letzing Heath near Polvitz.

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